Import of Wheat

1212. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import wheat from foreign country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the rate at which it is being purchased; and

(c) the total expected cost of such imported wheat in terms of per tonne and rate at which it would be sold in the market?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of purchase of wheat including the rate are at Statement-I enclosed (See below).

(c) The landed cost (cost and freight—C&F) and the economic cost of the imported wheat under the three tenders are as shown below:—

	Tender 1	Tender 2	Tender 3
Quantity In LMTs	5	8	22
Landed cost in Rs./PMT	7981	8804	9101
Economic Cost in Rs./PMT	9978	11261	11582

The imported wheat would be issued under the TPDS and other Welfare Schemes at the existing Central Issue Prices as notified from time to time. The current Central Issue Prices are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details pertaining to purchase of wheat

Details regarding the import of wheat under the three Tenders through the STC.

1st Tender

AWB Geneva: 5.0 lakh MTs at US$ 178.75 PMT for discharge at Southern Ports.

92,000 MTs wheat received in April-May, 2006. Remaining 4.08 lakh MTs to arrive by September 2006 at Chennai, Vizag, Turicorin and Cochin.

2nd Tender

(1) AWB Geneva: 5 lakh MTs at US$ 187 PMT for discharge at Mundra Port. Scheduled to arrive by October 2006.

(2) Agrico, Switzerland: 3 lakh MTs at price ranging from US$198.20 to 199.20/PMT for discharge at Vizag port (2 lakh MTs) and Chennai port (1 lakh MT). Supply of 1 lakh MT each during the months of July, August and September.

Weighted average price for import of 8 lakh tonnes under the second tender = US$ 191.38/PMT.

3rd Tender

(1) ADM, USA: 3 LMTs at price ranging from US$ 196 to 199.72/PMT for supply between September 2006 to December 2006 at Mundra Port.

(2) Cargill International, Switzerland: 4.05 LMTs at price ranging from US$ 199.90 to 205/PMT for supply between September 2006 to January 2007 at Mundra, Kandla, Mumbai port.

(3) Concordia Singapore: 2.25 LMTs at price ranging from US$ 191.87 to 204.27/PMT for supply between September 2006 to January 2007 at Kandla port.

(4) Toepfer Singapore: 7.2 LMts at price rangine from US$ 196.77 to 202.77/PMT for supply between September 2006 to January 2007 at Mundra, port.

(5) Glencore Netherland: 5.5 LMts at price ranging from US$ 190.00

to 198.00/PMT for supply between September 2006 to January 2007 at Mundra port.

Weighted average price for import of 22 lakh tonnes under the third tender = US$ 197.81/PMT.

Statement-II

Details regarding the Central Issue Prices of Wheat effective from 1st July 2002.

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Name of the Scheme	Wheat (Rs./Tonne)
Above Poverty Line (APL)	6100
Below Poverty Line (BPL)	4150
Antyodaya Anna Yojana	2000
Mid Day Meal	4150
National Food for Work Programme	4150
Nutrition Programme	4150
Welfare Institutions & Hostels etc.	4150
Annapurna	4150
National Programme for Adolescent Girls	4150
World Food Programme	4150
Open Sale	On State-wise and crop year-wise rates fixed by HLC/GOI

Supply of cereals through PDS

1213. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a proposal from the National Commission on Farmers to supply cereals through PDS;